

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3, 5 to 9, 11 to 14, 18, 19, 21, 26 to 28, 31, 34 to 38, 40 to 44, and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as currently pending in the application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiving means unit for receiving a television broadcasting signal in which ~~information~~ video signals ~~having program information for each~~ of a plurality of broadcasting programs and program guide information of the plurality of broadcasting programs are multiplexed;

~~information output means for outputting to a user, program information for each program;~~

an extraction unit for extracting the program guide information from the television broadcasting signal received by said receiving unit;

a selecting unit means for selecting, by ~~the~~ a user using a first program guide table based on the program guide information extracted by the extracting unit, a program corresponding to first program information from the plurality of programs;

an input means unit for inputting by the user, second program information regarding the selected program, including a recommendation index indicating a recommendation degree;

an integrating means unit for integrating the first and second program information; [[and]]

a transmitting means unit for transmitting the integrated program information as recommendation guide information to an external apparatus, which is accessible by another user; and

a program table generating unit for generating a second program table in accordance with recommendation guide information including a recommendation index transmitted by another user.

2. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the television broadcasting signal is further multiplexed with program attribute data of the plurality of programs, and said integrating means includes means for integrating program attribute data of the selected program with the first and second program information.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second program information includes arbitrary comment information.

5. to 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein said transmitting ~~means~~ unit transmits ~~[[the]]~~ an output file comprising the integrated program information to a network connected to said receiving ~~means~~ apparatus.

11. to 14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 1, wherein the recommendation guide information includes service information indicating a type of broadcasting service, and further comprising a control unit for judging whether the type of broadcasting service for of the selected program, and said control means controls said program table generating means to prevent the selected program from being displayed in on the second program table is compatible with the type of broadcasting service provided to the apparatus, and for outputting an incompatibility message if the type of broadcasting service of the selected program is different from that receivable by said receiving means is incompatible.

16. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein the recommendation guide information includes pay-per-view information indicating whether the selected program is a pay-per-view program, and said control ~~means~~ unit performs a judgement process in accordance with the pay-per-view information.

17. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim [[13]]  
15, wherein the recommendation guide information includes audio-visual restriction  
information including audio-visual restriction of the selected program, and said control  
~~means~~ unit performs a judgement process in accordance with the audio-visual restriction  
information.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim [[12]]  
1, wherein said program table generating ~~means~~ unit generates a two-dimensional program  
table having a broadcasting time as one axis, [[and]] a channel as the other axis, and a  
recommendation indication based on the recommendation index relating to each  
corresponding program.

21. to 24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim [[12]]  
1, ~~further comprising:~~

~~designating means for designating a program~~ wherein the selecting unit selects the program selected by the user from a plurality of programs contained in the second program table, ~~[[;]]~~ and

~~signal~~ further comprising a processing means unit for processing the video signal of the ~~designated~~ selected program.

26. to 31. (Cancelled).

32. (Currently Amended) A ~~television signal~~ receiving apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~receiving means for receiving a television broadcasting signal in which image signals of a plurality of broadcasting programs and program guide information of the plurality of broadcasting programs are multiplexed;~~

~~extracting means for extracting the program guide information from the television broadcasting signal received by said receiving means;~~

~~input means for inputting recommendation guide information of a retrieval condition for retrieving a program recommended by another user from an external apparatus, which is accessible by the another user;~~

~~program table generating means for generating a first program table indicating the plurality of broadcasting programs, in accordance with the program guide information extracted by said extracting means, and for generating a second program table~~

indicating the program recommended by the another user, on the basis of the retrieval condition input by said input means;

an output means unit for outputting the image video signals received by said the receiving means unit and data of the first and second program tables generated by said the program table generating means unit to a display device. [[:]]

~~designating means for designating a program in the first and second program tables; and~~

~~controlling means for controlling said receiving means to receive the program designated by said designating means and controlling said output means to output the image signal of the designated program to said display device.~~

33. (Currently Amended) A receiving method ~~for a receiving apparatus~~ comprising [[:the]] steps of:

receiving a television broadcasting signal in which information video signals ~~having program information for each of a plurality of broadcasting programs and~~ program guide information of the plurality of broadcasting programs are multiplexed;

~~outputting to a user, information for each program;~~

~~selecting by the user~~ extracting the program guide information from the television broadcasting signal received in said receiving step;

selecting, by a user using a first program guide table based on the program guide information extracted by the extracting step, a program corresponding to first program information from the plurality of programs;

inputting by the user, second program information regarding the selected program, including a recommendation index indicating a recommendation degree;  
integrating the first and second program information; [[and]]  
transmitting the integrated program information as recommendation guide information to an external apparatus, which is accessible by another user; and  
generating a second program table in accordance with recommendation guide information including a recommendation index transmitted by another user.

34. to 38. (Cancelled).

39. (Currently Amended) A recording medium storing a program of a receiving method for a receiving apparatus, said receiving method comprising [[the]] steps of:

receiving a television broadcasting signal in which ~~information~~ video signals ~~having program information for each~~ of a plurality of broadcasting programs and program guide information of the plurality of broadcasting programs are multiplexed;  
~~outputting to a user, information for each program;~~  
~~selecting by the user~~ extracting the program guide information from the television broadcasting signal received in said receiving step;  
selecting, by a user using a first program guide table based on the program guide information extracted by the extracting step, a program corresponding to first program information from the plurality of programs;

inputting by the user, second program information regarding the selected program, including a recommendation index indicating a recommendation degree;

integrating the first and second program information; [[and]]

transmitting the integrated program information as recommendation guide information to an external apparatus, which is accessible by another user; and

generating a second program table in accordance with recommendation guide information including a recommendation index transmitted by another user.

40. to 44. (Cancelled).

45. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said external apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a WWW server, another receiving apparatus, and an external recording medium.

46. (Cancelled).